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USSR MEDICAL INDUSTRY STEPS UP PRODUCTION

Five Moscow enterprises of GlavMedProm have indicated that, due to improved production methods and greater initiative among the workers, they will be able to save the Government some 12.5 million rubles in 1949.

Workers of the "Akrikhin" Chemicopharmaceutical Factory have indicated that they will complete their 1949 production plan 12 days ahead of 1948 schedules, enabling them to return some 1,900,000 rubles to the State. The Chemicopharmaceutical Factory imeni Karpova hopes to cut production time by 16 days and effect a 7 million-ruble saving; the Factory imeni Semashko, 15 days, with a 1,600,000-ruble saving. Alkaloid factories have signified that they will cut their production time by 15 days, with a 1,700,000-ruble saving. An electromedical apparatus factory in the Moscow region will cut production time by 7 days and save 400,000 rubles.

These goals will be achieved through faster production cycles, stricter norms for the utilization of raw materials, and improved organization of material supplies and production output.

The Leningrad factories of the Medical Industry are not to be outdone by Moscow factories. The workers of the Chemiopharmaceutical Factory No 1 have resolved to save the State 3,500,000 rubles by cutting production time by 4 days. A technical and organizational program is under way at present at the factory to attain their objectives. The "Farmakon" Chemiopharmaceutical Factory has indicated its willingness to cut 5 days from the production cycle and thus save more than half a million rubles. The workers hope to accomplish their objectives by better channelization of raw material in-flow and improvement of the technological methods for the manufacture of streptocides and disulfanes.

The workers of the "Medpribor" Factory in Kiev intend to cut 27 days off their production plans as compared to 1948 and thus effect a 500,000-ruble saving.

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